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**MAY BREAK INTO JAIL INSTEAD**

When Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department discovered the pernicious methods which had prevailed between the Riggs National bank of Washington and the government as administered by the Roosevelt and Taft administrations, whereby the Riggs National had been permitted to do almost as it saw fit with the United States treasury, he promptly set his foot down and kicked the Riggs contingent out of the people's treasury.

Of course the officials of the bank, shorn of their power to control its sources of information and profit, became extremely peeved and to offset the charges against them, alleged there was a conspiracy on the part of Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams to injure the Riggs National, and asked Justice McCoy to grant an injunction against the federal officials in hearing the injunction case. Justice McCoy stated that there was nothing in the evidence to show that the federal officers had done any more than to endeavor to prevent unlawful practices on the part of the bank.

The evidence here is of persistent violations of the law, and those violations did not begin when Mr. Will Hams came into office, and they have continued to this day, said Justice McCoy, referring to the conduct of the bank.

Even in the conduct and filing of this case the officers of the bank seem to have pursued the course they have been pursuing, according to the common report, in the past, seeking to utilize the treasury department for their personal gain. It developed in the course of the hearing that this bank has been enjoying large deposits of government funds, without interest. There was for a time vigorous denial of the claim of the treasury officials that this bank had been dealing in stock speculation, but when attorneys for the treasury officials offered evidence that with one stock broking firm alone there were six thousand entries showing transactions by the Riggs bank the denial fell flat.

So there has gone into the dump this promising effort to discredit the administration of the treasury department, and put a bank in command of the inside information of the treasury department for its own advantage. If there is anything indicative in the remarks of the court the officials of that bank can thank their stars if they keep out of jail.

**THE "INFLUENCE" OF LUDICRITICAL NEWSPAPERS**

Especially since the European war broke out, although it was only noticeable during the Mexican troubles previous, has the fact been noted that it is absolutely impossible to believe the lurid newspapers at all—and as a result there has been a vast falling off in the "influence" which some of this class are supposed to wield, for too often the personal bias and views of the owners are allowed to be the guiding inspiration of the paper, and not the justice or merit of a cause. Right here near home is a shining example in the Kansas City Times which only sees a thing as it wants to see it and that from the vision of its own personal interest. That is the reason that for ten years past EVERY PROJEST, which The Times championed has been defeated by the people; they felt that if The Times supported it, there was some interest for The Times personally.

The influence of a newspaper is not wholly dependant upon the extent of its circulation, although that may have a great deal to do with it. When John Delano was the editor of the London Times, the boast was made that that paper, although it had only 30,000 circulation, had a dominating influence on the affairs of the world. The Times, which now claims to have the largest circulation in the world, with Lord Northcliffe as editor, failed to have influence enough to drive Lord Kitchener from the British cabinet, and he is still to remain secretary of war.

In this country there are some newspapers with very large circulation that have little or no influence upon public affairs, although they scream daily in large type, in color and black and white illustrations in a most trifling manner, and there are others that are content to express their views in a modest manner that have very great influence, although their circulation may be much less.

There is no doubt of the influence of the press upon public affairs, but

it comes from the writing of those editors who write to promote what they believe to be truth and justice rather than to court favor and promote circulation. Influence is fast passing from the press of the east to that of the west. The editor of an eastern paper very seldom comes into personal contact with the ordinary man, but in the West such a man walks into the editorial office without formality and without previous introduction and tells the editor just what he thinks of him and his propositions. If he can't come personally he writes a letter and either approves of what he has seen in the paper or tells the editor he is a "bone head."

**WHERE IT DID NOT PAY TO ADVERTISE**

Under the caption, "Who Was Right?" that sterling journal, Billy Skidmore's New Era, of Skidmore, prints the following:

"The Kellogg seed house has been advertising prices in the New Era the past few weeks on chick feed. In the ad Mr. Kellogg had the price \$2.25 per hundred and the price should have been \$2.50 per hundred. Last week one gentleman came in and wanted to buy it at the price advertised, but Mr. Kellogg would not sell it at that price. 'Well,' the man said, 'why are you advertising it at that price?' Mr. Kellogg said he was not advertising it that way. At that moment the man showed him the advertisement.

"Mr. Kellogg had quite a time convincing the gentleman it was a mistake, but finally proved himself a good salesman and sold it at \$2.50 per hundred pounds.

"It pays to advertise."

This is one instance wherein it did not pay to advertise, for in place of paying it did much harm. It totally and effectively cured the purchaser and every neighbor he has of believing another word of advertising. You could not pull that man up to a bar and he had seen advertised with the best male team you or Bob Linville have on your ranches. Billy he will tell the rest of his life about advertisements as he would tell the plague or a tumble heading from your high railroad bridge. He will tell his neighbors and they will do likewise with the other neighbors. The next time they see a bargain advertised in your paper or any other one in that territory they will all head for some other store—or perhaps go to Quitman where the merchants, because they have no paper, do not advertise.

And they will do this because the present settlement was not given to the customer, and because Mr. Kellogg did not do as he should have done and because you did not do as you should have done, Billy.

When that man read in your paper that the feed was \$2.25 per hundred he had the right to believe he could get it at that price, and he showed his faith in advertising by going to Mr. Kellogg. Mr. Kellogg should have at once told him that there was a mistake in the price quoted, but should have sold the customer what he deserved at the reduced price—and that, without a quibble, and with a smile on his face—and then should have treated all further customers who had read the ad and responded in the same way or until his stock on hand—which could neither have made nor broken him—was gone. Billy was exhausted, and then Mr. Kellogg should have gone to you, Billy, and between you two you could have easily made a proper adjustment or difference between the advertised and the real price, and that would have squared all concerned without hurt or ill feeling.

That answers your question, Billy, and it answers it as it should be. That is the way we do down here—and it is the proper way. One of our best papers here—but a short time ago stood a loss of \$100 on a misadvertised silk sale—and it did it gracefully and pleasantly—and did it without the firm coming back to complain.

And just to close, Billy, Mr. Kellogg may have proved himself a good salesman, but it was a poor sales for him, even if he saved the quarter on the hundred weight.

**REACTIONARIES COMBINE WITH "BIG BUSINESS"**

It is a source of gratification to note that the leading Republican journals of this part of the West have mustered up courage enough to in some instances repudiate and in others to denounce the "National Republican Publicity Association," which has just been organized at Washington, and which has been exposed as a conspiracy entered into between reactionary Republican leaders and "Big Business," to gain control of the national Republican convention next year, name the candidates and write the platform.

And it is Republican papers—not Democratic journals, mind you—that have exposed this conspiracy which makes the case a plain one. Democratic papers have but to reproduce what is said by the Republican organs to substantiate the charge made, and proven, by the Republican papers.

Among the Republican papers of this section which have exposed the scheme is such sterling progressive journals as the Des Moines Register and Leader, the Sioux City Journal, the Lincoln Journal, the Omaha Bee

and others of like prominence. They have named Jonathan Bourne, Senator Gallinger, "Jim" Bissellway, Martin B. Madden, and other wheel horses of the old regime as among the politicians directing the movement, and have asserted that a large fund is being raised in subterranean ways to promote the work of the organization. All of these Republican newspapers have declared that the result would be an explosion such as will shatter the Republican party to pieces if this "National Republican Publicity Association" continues its plotting.

Just as an instance to show the connection, read this editorial paragraph which appeared in the rockribbed Republican Lincoln Journal last week:

"In his formal declaration of war the king frankly admits that the step is taken because his government 'cannot fail in its duty to take against existing and future menaces measures which events impose upon it for fulfillment of national aspirations.'

Another official statement indicated that "Austria, despite German good offices, blindly and obstinately resisted Italy's just demands, rendering inevitable acute antagonism."

Practically ever since the war began Italy has been bidding for territorial acquisitions from Austria. The latter made concessions, which it professed to believe to be humiliatingly big, but evidently not big enough for Italy.

Now that Italy has gone in, nobody can fail to recognize that it is in for what there may be in it, and there is no sham pretense of any ambition to serve the cause of humanity other than as humanity is Italy.

And, on the other hand, there will be but little sorrow by good people over how many Italians stop their

would-be victims' bullets.

The St. Joseph Railway, Light, Heat and Power company pays over \$10,000 per year in taxes alone to St. Joseph, not mentioning the amount paid for new paving or the upkeep of the streets. It also is responsible and pays when it kills, or injures, anyone. And still there are people here who rant and rave over the irresponsible Jimney, from which not a dollar can be collected as damages and whose contribution to the city coffers is so insignificant that it would not pay the salary of the license inspector who has a hard time in most instances to collect it.

The mayor of Lathrop has instructed the city marshal to arrest all boys under age caught smoking cigarettes within the city limits, as well as those who sell or give them cigarettes or cigarette papers.—Clinton County Democrat.

**New God Help the Kaiser**

Indications are Kaiser Wilhelm will soon be on the retreat. Our Jane Addams has gone to Berlin for a personal interview, and to demand a cessation of hostilities.—Boonville Advertiser.

**Italy's the Thief's Excuse**

Italy's too evident desire to have gain for peace or war has not served to put her in a favorable light before the world. When war is put on a basis of territorial gain it has nothing to commend it.—Glasgow Missourian.

**Good Thing it Has Adjourned**

At the present stage of the European war it is probably a good thing congress is not in session. There are a

good many hot-headed fellows in congress that the uniform coolness of Wilson and Bryan combined might not be able to cool off.—Memphis Democrat.

**Stone Knows the Breed**

When William Joel Stone characterized Marce Henry Watters as a "viable but harmless windjammer," he spoke as a connoisseur and expert. The windjammer has been fighting William Joel all his life and he knows the breed when he sees one.—Henry County Democrat.

**Can't Come Back as Elders**

Mr. Taft serves notice that the bull moose will all be welcome back into the Republican party but must come back as pious mourners and not as deacons nor as trustees in the G. O. P. congregation. Those who don't want to come that way must find some other place to worship.—Nodaway Democrat Forum.

**Don't Confuse the Names**

The national conference of Dunkards of the United States and Canada the other day declared that members of that sect should not own automobiles. P. S.—Don't confuse the name of the Society of Dunkards with the name of any other society owning automobiles.—Linnes Bulletin.

**How Queer This Sounds!**

"We should assert in the face of all the nations," says Roosevelt, "that we ourselves determine for ourselves the rights of citizenship of our citizens." How queer that sounds when one recalls how Roosevelt canted around as president when Calverton was enacting anti-Japanese laws.—Kansas City Post.

**Glad We Are "Off," Deacon**

The St. Joseph Observer, Poston Frank Freytag's paper, comes to us in a new form and is greatly improved in appearance, but politically it is as rotten as ever. It is a pity that such a nice man as Frank really can be so far off his base when it comes to questions of political economy.—Hopkins Journal.

**Chicago University netted \$25,000 from football last season, which is a very handsome tackle**

The school girl and boy who put in his extra nine months in the public schools of St. Joseph are happy today—school closed yesterday.

Arizona has not abolished capital punishment, but it is getting harder to hang people there than it used to be.

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The Greek king is very sick, but he may be more comfortable than some other kings.

Jerry Grider's troubles with the law are worse than having his warts shot him full of holes.

**Sayings of Missouri Editors**

**This is a Good Idea**

Keep your eye on the man who smiles when he's down.—Worth County Times.

**And It Is Hoped Tis Done**

If rain will kill chinch bugs, they surely are all dead by this time.—Marcelline Mirror.

**Accent on the "Was"**

William Barnes was an aspirant for a United States senatorship. Accent on the "was."—Kansas City Times.

**When They Are Really Blessed**

Blessed are the poor, for they can

generally be cured without an operation.—Milan Standard.

**Must Wait to Hear**

Will we know the rights and wrongs of the Lusitania case until all the college professors have been heard from?—Stanberry Owl Headlight.

**Always "Burn This Letter"**

Politicians long ago learned that letters—unburned—were dangerous and turned to the telephone. Does Mr. Edison propose to take away even that refuge?—St. Louis Times.

**Barnes is a Real Optimist**

You realize what a great optimist Mr. Barnes must be when he tells you he is content with the rectitude of his political conduct.—Kansas City Times.

**Is Anything More Needed?**

One of our Democratic exchanges in the same issue copies articles boasting Folk for senator and for governor. If there is anything else wanted, hurry up and say so.—Henry County Democrat.

**Should Be Done Right Here**

The mayor of Lathrop has instructed the city marshal to arrest all boys under age caught smoking cigarettes within the city limits, as well as those who sell or give them cigarettes or cigarette papers.—Clinton County Democrat.

**As To the Case of Dr. Woodson**

Dr. C. R. Woodson has been removed from the presidency of the state medical association because he advertised. Advertising is one of the things Missouri doctors won't stand for. They claim it is a breach of the code of ethics of their profession, but, nevertheless, they are always more than willing for the fact to be chronicled when one of their number performs some surgical operation.—Richmond News.

**Will Make a Strong Candidate**

There is a new Richmond in the Democratic gubernatorial field. Judge Alonso D. Burnes of Platte City has appeared as a candidate in prospect. Judge Burnes has been judge of the fifth, or Plattsburg, district for many years and is a strong man mentally and politically. His prominence in the affairs of western Missouri will, without doubt, make him a strong competitor for the nomination.—Nodaway Democratic Forum.

**After They Had Been Warned**

That note of President Wilson, directed to the Emperor of Germany in protest to Germany's submarine warfare on vessels carrying American cargoes, sounded a little "grave" at first, but the opposition now is that it will have a wholesome effect not only on Germany, but on Great Britain as well. We have contended all along that this country should not be called upon to avenge the loss of life of persons who sailed on a belligerent vessel, after they had been warned of the danger.—Memphis Democrat.

**Gov. Dockery Not Alarmed**

Governor Dockery came home Friday morning, and remained until Saturday night visiting friends and looking after business matters. He came to Missouri from Washington to attend the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at Cape Girardeau and while in Missouri, of course, came home to attend commencement exercises of our high school, in which he has always had a keen interest, and to see his old friends.

The governor is optimistic on the serious situation that confronts this nation by reason of the great European war, and has great faith in the ability of President Wilson to guide us safely through these trying times.—Gallatin Democrat.

**Is That the G. O. P.'s Dope?**

John McKinley of Unionville, in a speech at Kirkville the other day, acknowledged that zinc and livestock were bringing the best prices ever known in this country. He said the cause of it was the war, but that the low prices on all other articles was caused by the lowering of the tariff and free trade. The Kirksville Express said this would be the keynote of the Republicans' campaign issue at the next election. If that is the best campaign dope the Republicans have to offer they had better save their money and their breath, and they will no doubt live longer and be happier.

**The "Religion" that "Pays"**

Billy Sunday has closed his campaign at Paterson, N. J., and announces that he will now take a summer vacation. On the basis of his figure he has certainly earned a rest. His last three campaigns have been at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Paterson. During his seven weeks at Paterson, the smallest of the three cities, the total attendance was more than 7,000 and the number of those "hitting the trail" was 17,000. His meetings have been exceedingly profitable for him, but ministers say that the general good he has accomplished for the three cities could not be measured in millions. His personal income is perhaps larger than any preacher the country has known. His meetings in Pittsburgh netted him \$10,000, in Philadelphia he was given \$12,000, and in Paterson \$26,000, making a total of \$119,000 for his last six or eight months' work. It is estimated that his campaigns have altogether brought \$125,000.—Nodaway Democratic Forum.